



## ALKI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 24, 2025

Order of Service for the Worship of God

**Christmas Eve/11:00 pm**

### **Mary is Everyone: A New Song of Liberation “Radical Hospitality”**

**Welcome**

**Opening Song**

**Prelude**     *Sing We Now of Christmas*     Traditional French Carol  
Daniel Self - Piano

**Choral Procession**     *Sussex Carol*     David Wilcocks; Arr. Daniel Self  
Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkell

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*  
Thomas Helmore; Arr : Sally DeFord\*\*

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL,  
AND RANSOM CAPTIVE ISRAEL  
THAT MOURNS IN LONELY EXILE HERE.  
UNTIL THE SON OF GOD APPEAR.

**[REFRAIN]**

**REJOICE! REJOICE! EMMANUEL,  
SHALL COME TO THEE, O ISRAEL.**

O COME, THOU DAYSPRING COME AND CHEER  
OUR SPIRITS BY THINE ADVENT HERE.  
DISPERSE THE GLOOMY CLOUDS OF NIGHT.  
AND DEATH'S DARK SHADOW PUT TO FLIGHT.

**[REFRAIN]**

O COME, DESIRE OF NATIONS BIND  
IN ONE THE HEARTS OF HUMAN KIND.  
BID THOU OUR SAD DIVISIONS CEASE,  
AND BE THY SELF OUR KING OF PEACE.

**[REFRAIN]**

**Prayer**

**Song**

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*  
Edmund H. Sears & Richard Storrs Willis; Arr: Sally DeFord\*\*

IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR,  
THAT GLORIOUS SONG OF OLD,  
FROM ANGELS BENDING NEAR THE EARTH  
TO TOUCH THEIR HARPS OF GOLD;

“PEACE ON THE EARTH, GOOD WILL TO ALL  
FROM HEAVEN’S ALL GRACIOUS KING.”  
THE WORLD IN SOLEMN STILLNESS LAY  
TO HEAR THE ANGELS SING.



**[REFRAIN]**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO**

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SHEPHERDS WHY THIS JUBILEE?  
WHY YOUR JOYOUS STRAINS PROLONG?  
SAY WHAT MAY THE TIDINGS BE.  
WHICH INSPIRE YOUR HEAVENLY SONG.

**[REFRAIN]**

COME TO BETHLEHEM AND SEE  
CHRIST WHOSE BIRTH THE ANGELS SING;  
COME ADORE ON BENDED KNEE.  
GOD, OUR WORLD NOW ENTERING.

**[REFRAIN]**

SEE THE BABE IN MANGER LAID  
WHOM THE CHOIRS OF ANGELS PRAISE  
MARY, JOSEPH, LEND YOUR AID.  
WHILE OUR HEARTS IN LOVE WE RAISE.

**[REFRAIN]**

**Homily**

**Song**      *Abide with Me*      William Henry Monk & Henry Francis Lyte      Arr: Craig Petrie

ABIDE WITH ME. FAST FALLS THE EVENTIDE;  
THE DARKNESS DEEPENS. LORD, WITH ME ABIDE.  
WHEN OTHER HELPERS FAIL AND COMFORTS FLEE.  
HELP OF THE HELPLESS, OH, ABIDE WITH ME.

SWIFT TO ITS CLOSE EBBS OUT LIFE'S LITTLE DAY.  
EARTH'S JOYS GROW DIM; ITS GLORIES PASS AWAY.  
CHANGE AND DECAY IN ALL AROUND I SEE.  
O THOU WHO CHANGEST NOT, ABIDE WITH ME.  
I NEED THY PRESENCE EVERY PASSING HOUR.  
WHAT BUT THEY GRACE CAN FOIL THE TEMPTER'S POW'R?  
WHO LIKE THYSELF, MY GUIDE AND STAY CAN BE?  
THROUGH CLOUD AND SUNSHINE, LORD ABIDE WITH ME!

ABIDE WITH ME. FAST FALLS THE EVENTIDE;  
THE DARKNESS DEEPENS, LORD WITH ME ABIDE!  
WHO, LIKE THYSELF, MY GUIDE AND STAY CAN BE?  
THRU CLOUD AND SUNSHINE, LORD, ABIDE WITH ME!

**Prayers of the People**

**Offering Invitation**

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or with a mailed donation to the church office at 6115 SW Hinds, Seattle 98116.

**Musical Offering**      *Oh Holy Night* Adolphe Adam English translation by John Sullivan Dwight  
Arr: César Madeira      Vocalist - Joe Mitter

**Doxology**      Sung to tune of *What Child is This?*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator Christ and Spirit one.

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Song**                      *O Come All Ye Faithful*                      J.F. Wade    Arr: David Willcocks

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL,  
JOYFUL AND TRIUMPHANT!  
O COME YE, O COME YE TO BETHLEHEM!  
COME AND BEHOLD HIM,  
BORN THE KING OF ANGELS:

**[REFRAIN]**

**O COME, LET US ADORE HIM,  
O COME, LET US ADORE HIM,  
O COME, LET US ADORE HIM,  
CHRIST THE LORD!**

TRUE GOD FROM TRUE GOD  
LIGHT FROM LIGHT ETERNAL,  
BEHOLD, HE COMES FORTH FROM THE VIRGIN'S WOMB.  
SON OF GOD, BE GOTTEN, NOT CREATED.

**[REFRAIN]**

SEE HOW THE SHEPHERDS,  
SUMMONED TO HIS CRADLE,  
LEAVING THEIR FLOCKS, DRAW NIGHT WITH LOWLY FEAR;  
WE TOO WILL TITHER,  
BEND OUR JOYFUL FOOTSTEPS:

**[REFRAIN]**

CHILD, FOR US SINNERS,  
POOR AND IN THE MANGER.  
FAIN WE EMBRACE THEE, WITH AWE AND LOVE;  
WHO WOULD NOT LOVE THEE,  
LOVING US SO DEARLY?

**[REFRAIN]**

SING CHOIRS OF ANGELS, SING IN EXULTATION,  
SING, ALL YE CITIZENS OF HEAV'N ABOVE;  
GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST;

**[REFRAIN]**

YEA, LORD, WE GREET THEE, BORN THIS HAPPY MORNING,  
JESU, TO THEE BE GLORY GIV'N;  
WORD OF THE FATHER, NOW IN FLESH APPEARING;

**[REFRAIN]**

**Candlelit *Silent Night***

Franz Gruber & Joseph Mohr

Arr: Mark Hayes \*\*

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT,  
ALL IS CALM ALL IS BRIGHT  
ROUND YON VIRGIN MOTHER AND CHILD,  
HOLY INFANT SO TENDER AND MILD.  
SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE,  
SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE.

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGH,  
SON OF GOD; LOVE'S PURE LIGHT.  
RADIANT BEAMS FROM THY HOLY FACE.  
WITH THE DAWN OF REDEEMING GRACE.  
JESUS, LORD AT THY BIRTH.  
JESUS, LORD AT THY BIRTH.

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT.  
WONDROUS STAR, LEND THY LIGHT  
WITH THE ANGELS LET US SING  
ALLELUIA TO THE KING.  
CHRIST THE SAVIOR IS BORN,  
CHRIST THE SAVIOR IS BORN.

**Benediction**

**Song**

*Joy to the World*

G.F. Handel & Isaac Watts

JOY TO THE WORLD! THE LORD IS COME;  
LET EARTH ITS PRAISES BRING;  
LET EVERY HEART PREPARE CHRIST ROOM,  
AND HEAVEN AND NATURE SING,  
AND HEAVEN AND NATURE SING,  
AND HEAVEN AND HEAVEN AND NATURE SING.

JOY TO THE EARTH! THE SAVIOR REIGNS!  
LET ALL THEIR SONGS EMPLOY;  
WHILE FIELDS AND FLOODS, ROCKS, HILLS, AND PLAINS  
REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY,  
REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY,  
REPEAT, REPEAT THE SOUNDING JOY.

CHRIST RULES THE WORLD WITH TRUTH AND GRACE,  
AND MAKES THE NATIONS PROVE  
THE GLORIES OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS  
AND WONDERS OF GOD'S LOVE,  
AND WONDERS OF GOD'S LOVE,  
AND WONDERS, WONDERS OF GOD'S LOVE.

## **Thank you for joining us tonight!**

We hope you will experience  
the joy and strength that we have found  
in this community of faith.

To all our friends, long-time and new,  
we wish you a very blessed Christmas season!

— *Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel*

### **Tonight's Service:**

Rev. Emily Tanis-Likkel, Pastor

Daniel E. Self, Music Director

Alki UCC Community Choir

We Were There, an original Christmas Pageant

written by Pastor Emily

Liturgist: Diane J

Greeters: Keith and Marti T, Lisa G and Dan K

Order of Worship Subject to Change;

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Image—Mary: Love Forever Being Born by Kelly Latimore

Portions of today's service are recorded

for possible posting

on Alki UCC's YouTube channel.

\*\*Indicates instrumental adaptation prepared by Daniel Self

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